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Boil-water advisory ends for City of Republic

OLYMPIA — Residents of the City of Republic can stop boiling their water. The city's water system has been disinfected and tested, and the water meets safe drinking water standards.

The Ferry County community issued a boil-water advisory on April 15 after E. coli and total coliform bacteria were detected in the water during routine testing. The city's water system serves about 1,400 people.

The state Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water worked with the city to investigate the source of the contamination but could find no obvious cause. Ferry County Memorial Hospital in Republic has reported no illnesses associated with the drinking water.

"We appreciate the patience and support of our community as we worked through this situation," said Public Works Director Casey Giddings. "We understand it was inconvenient; our first priority is protecting the health of our customers."

Customers who have questions can call the city at 509-775-3554 or 509-775-3216.

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